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Laos: Elections probably will give Souvanna more
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Laos: The National Assembly to be elected in early January will probably be generally willing to cooperate with Premier Souvanna Phouma.

Souvanna's difficulties with the previous assembly, caused in part by some of the deputies' demands for a greater role in the government, culminated on 16 September in the assembly's rejection of the proposed government budget. In October,

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[redacted] the King dissolved the assembly and called new elections for January.

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